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VALUE OF MAN POWER

FOR two months the central powers have been engaged in a sedulous effort to mobilize their strength in an attack on the Italian line which was shattered by the insidious inroads created by the undermining and designing ideas of spies within the fold. This has been the greatest card the German empire has played. In every case where any gains have been recorded and fresh territory added to the conquering eagles of the central powers it has been due mainly to the operations of the men within the lines, the paid agents of kaiserism and the tools of an unscrupulous autocracy. Russia, Rumania and Finland gave up their scalps and freedom to the hosts of tyranny only to find out when too late that they had been misled by the machinations of those in whom they confided. When it was too late to recant professions of friendship inspired by the false promises of false friends the weaker countries of the allied nations found out to their sorrow that they had been duped by a confidence game having for its object the enslavement of millions of human beings and the addition of fresh territory to the vassalage of the Hun. Italy is a different proposition from the day when the Austrian overran the Piave valley and carried consternation even to the very gates of Rome, but the people of that country found themselves quickly enough to restore waning confidence and re-establish the army on a better basis than had ever before existed. The munition factories are now turning out weapons and supplies at a rate that promises to defy the inroads of the enemy with its massed forces of nearly a million men concentrated against a relatively small army scattered throughout the mountain strongholds where on the last great raid the Austrians and Germans found a pitifully small and poorly equipped force to resist their advance. Now the gallant men of Italy are supplemented by the best fighting elements of Great Britain and France, men of tried experience withdrawn from the western front with the special object of making ready for this onslaught which was bound to come with the passage of time. Every movement appears so far to have been anticipated and the ordinance of the Italians has demonstrated its superiority that promises to exact as deadly a toll as the British, Americans and French exacted from the Germans in the advance on the Marne.

Italy is ready and willing. The disturbed morale has been restored and reports of the first two days' fighting all presage a resiliency capable of resisting the reckless sacrifices of the best shock troops of the central powers. In this development the United States has played a noble part in lending Italy the raw materials from which it has been enabled to manufacture the equipment that is now playing such an important part in holding at bay the greatest force numerically that has been aligned in one field of the battle since the beginning of this war. The magnitude of sixty divisions hurled against the allies in one battle at one and the same time can only be grasped when we realize that this country after fifteen months of active warfare and with unlimited resources of men and money has not yet succeeded in landing one half of that force of effectives. We are informed that the United States is represented by 800,000 men but the dispatches fail to state that at least 50 per cent of that number remain in training camps behind the firing line perfecting themselves in the military arts generated by the ever changing tactics and advances of the scientific side of the war. Austria has the advantage of being in a position to quickly mobilize its fighting units but the mere fact that it is successful in mobilizing a million effective troops after nearly four years of hostilities does not carry with it the inference that there is any near approach of the finish. The war can only be ended by amassing such a stupendous array of man power that there cannot be any delay in pressing the offensive which has been postponed until the time when the balance of power is on the side of the allies. The central powers have not manifested any great generalship so far since every effort and advance has been predicated on the use of overwhelming armies.

PUBLICITY FOR THE MARINES

OF all the war literature that comes to the Bonanza office there is nothing to compare with the press stories sent out by the United States marines recruiting bureau with headquarters at 117 East Twenty-fourth street, New York City. There is no better exhibition of condensation or in telling a story tersely and in a way that appeals to the imagination of the reader, with every detail of human interest worked out to a stiletto point. In the matter of brevity these stories are models of conciseness coupled with the allurements of service in this most active and vitalized branch of the fighting force of Uncle Sam. To read one of these is to retain a satisfaction that only comes from reading a gay piece of persiflage with the humor of the situation so cleverly submitted that one does not have to hire a microscope to find out what the writer is trying to tell. The popularity of this service is best attested by the fact that these stories gain wider publicity than the master efforts of the government publicity bureau headed by Creel and boosted by the highest priced writers whose services can be had for money. The publicity work of the marines is a marvel of accuracy and masterpieces indicating that the product comes from trained newspapermen whose services have been placed at the disposal of their government as part and parcel of the all round training imparted by the marine service. When one of the small envelopes bearing the modest imprint of the marines reaches a newspaper office it finds a glad reception for it is certain to contain something suitable to enliven the more serious side of warfare. The incisive wit displayed in most of these articles demonstrates that the craft has lost some of its best minds to the soldiers of the sea whose deeds are ennobled and discussed without that gravity which goes so far in spoiling otherwise good stories emanating from other departments. The editing is superb and, as a rule, each skit sparkles and scintillates with a brilliancy which taken in conjunction with the heavy pabulum doses sent out by the army branch seems like the glittering of a diamond in a bushel of coal. This is one reason why the marines have gained such a distinction for

themselves and their corps and it would be appreciated if others engaged in the same class of education would only develop the same adaptiveness to the requirements of the daily newspaper and therefore secure wider fame for the literary fabric they aim to produce.

The kaiser must see the handwriting on the wall for he is beginning to lay the foundations for an alibi when he sends out an official story of his kindness to wounded British soldiers. This recalls the old proverb of Satanic duplicity of 'When the devil was sick a monk he'd be; when the devil was well ne'er a monk was he.'

Jerry O'Leary, the arch Irish conspirator, is like a lot more of the fellows who have always made catspaws of genuine Irish patriots. When the time comes for action they seek safety in flight, leaving their deluded followers to their own devices and the mercy of the law.

Again the unspeakable Hun manifests his love for the church and his zeal in the devil's service by shelling a lot of pious non-combatant old men and women with their children returning from church.

PASSPORTS FOR JOE SCOTT, OF LOS ANGELES, ARE WITHHELD

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Joseph Scott of Los Angeles, whose widely-heralded departure for France as a commissioner for the Knights of Columbus was a spectacular event in his home town, may go back without ever having struggled with a U-boat or smelled the salt spray of the Atlantic. To be brief, no passport has been issued for the Los Angeles lawyer. His friends learn only that permission to leave the United States at present has been denied in Mr. Scott's case for military reasons. What the reasons are no one knows. No one in the military intelligence department will speak of the case at all. No one at the state department will talk.

The military intelligence division, when it declines to allow passports to be issued to anyone, does not have to give the reasons. No one can overrule this decision except the secretary of state and the president himself.

Intimations were made several days ago to some of the Knights of Columbus that passports would be difficult to secure for Mr. Scott and he was advised by letter and wire to remain in Los Angeles till the difficulties could be ironed out, or it was learned definitely that no passport would be issued. Instead Mr. Scott

PRIVATE MARKS FOR ARMY MOTOR CARS

(By Associated Press)
 CAMP KEARNY, San Diego, Cal., June 18.—Every automobile in official use here bears a distinguishing mark and those used by officers carry insignia indicative of the rank of the officers, if the car is one assigned permanently to his use, or of the service, if the machine is used by an organization.

The officers' designations are by flags. Major General Frederick S. Strong's car is marked with a red rectangular pennant, bearing two white stars, which designation is not duplicated as he is the only major general in camp as well as the divisional commander. This flag flies from a staff in front. On the windshield is a smaller painted flag of similar design. The color, red, indicates that the general is an artilleryman.

The brigadier generals here have their cars marked with red flags bearing one star. On the windshield are painted smaller flags, each with a "swallow tail" indentation in the right end. Those of the infantry brigadiers are blue and that of the artillery brigadier is red. Each bears the number of the general's brigade.

The staff cars are marked in two ways; they carry no pennants at the fore but have flags painted on the windshields. One type of staff car carries a red and white flag, the division being horizontal and the color spaces of equal size, and the other carries a red and white flag with the division diagonal. Each staff car carries a number, in the white space of its flag.

Cars used by the military police carry a blue triangular pennant bearing the letters "M. P." in white. Signal corps cars carry an orange pennant with a "swallow tail" ens, bearing the crossed signal flags and torch of that service in scarlet and white.

The engineers' cars and the quartermaster department's cars are designated by numbers but have no design on the windshield. The officers' training school has a monogram "T. C." on the windshield.

The pennants and designs enable the officers using the cars to pass outpost without stopping and also enable other officers and enlisted men to distinguish who is in the car while it still is at a distance. When officers entitled to flags are not using the cars the flags are furled.

WAR REFERENDUM SOCIALIST BELIEF

LOS ANGELES, June 18.—Orlando N. Silverstrand, an employee of the San Pedro Packing company's East San Pedro cannery, lost his job and was only saved from a beating at the hands of his fellow employees when he made a series of seditious remarks. When placed under arrest he said:

"I am a Socialist and believe that if the United States wanted to go to war they should have put the question up to a vote of the people. I believe President Wilson is incompetent. I did not subscribe to the Liberty loans or the Red Cross because I think it humiliates the soldiers to have them think the people have to shell out money for them all the time."

CANADIAN KILLS SELF IN TOKIO

(By Associated Press)
 TOKIO, June 18.—Resorting to the classical Japanese method of suicide, W. H. Price, a Canadian, who was employed on the staff of the American Trading company, killed himself yesterday at his home in Tokio by using a sword. The unhappy man committed "seppuku" or "harakiri" as it is more commonly known. Mr. Price was a constant sufferer from insomnia. He came from Toronto twenty years ago and is survived by a widow, who is of Japanese birth, and a daughter.

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(By Associated Press)
 AMSTERDAM, June 18.—Sugar prospects in Germany look discouraging, says the German Economic Correspondent. The production for the coming season is estimated at 1,150,000 tons compared with 2,500,000 tons in peace time, and the estimate is based on the weather continuing favorable. The labor problem is very acute, as no more farm hands are coming from Poland to work in the sugar beet fields.

"It is impossible to see," says the Correspondent, "how even the bed-rock minimum needs of the civilian population can be satisfied, in view of the military demands and the necessary exports to neutrals. A very much reduced distribution on the sugar cards is absolutely certain in the coming fall unless a miracle happens and the Ukraine can send supplies. The latter country is an uncertain factor."

TEA DECLARED A FOOD

(By Associated Press)
 LONDON, June 18.—Tea, which a recent court decision said was not a food and therefore was not affected by the British anti-food hoarding order, has now been specifically included in an amendment to the ministry of food's order, along with coffee and cocoa.

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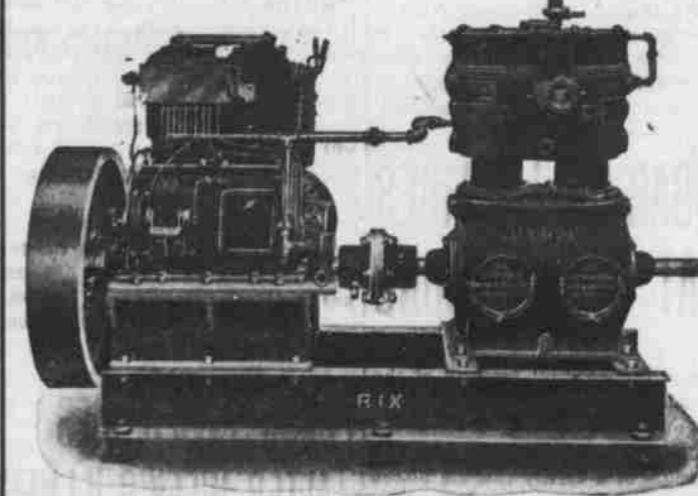
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